

# Vehicle Model Years Subject to Smog Check

## How To Use These Charts

- 1) In the upper chart, locate the "Calendar Year" column your vehicle is due for Smog Check (gray colored).
- 2) Next, locate your vehicle's model year row in the "Vehicle Model Year" column (white colored).
- 3) Locate the box that corresponds to steps 1 and 2.
- 4) Observe the color or letter located in step 3.
- 5) Match the box color or letter located in step 4 to the same color in the lower chart.
- 6) In the lower chart, observe the aspects of the Smog Check requirements for the color or letter located in step 5.

Vehicle Model Year	Calendar Year				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
2010	NA	NA	NA	NA	A
2009	NA	NA	NA	A	A
2008	NA	NA	A	A	A
2007	NA	A	A	A	A
2006	A	A	A	A	A
2005	A	A	A	A	B
2004	A	A	A	B	B
2003	A	A	B	B	C
2002	A	B	B	C	C
2001	B	B	C	C	C
2000	B	C	C	C	C
1999	C	C	C	C	C
1998	C	C	C	C	C
1997	C	C	C	C	C
1996	C	C	C	C	C
1995	C	C	C	C	C
1994	C	C	C	C	C
1993	C	C	C	C	C
1992	C	C	C	C	C
1991	C	C	C	C	C
1990	C	C	C	C	C
1989	C	C	C	C	C
1988	C	C	C	C	C
1987	C	C	C	C	C
1986	C	C	C	C	C
1985	C	C	C	C	C
1984	C	C	C	C	C
1983	C	C	C	C	C
1982	C	C	C	C	C
1981	C	C	C	C	C
1980	C	C	C	C	C
1979	C	C	C	C	C
1978	C	C	C	C	C
1977	C	C	C	C	C
1976	C <sup>(1)</sup>	C	C	C	C

The colored boxes above correlate to the chart below.  
Table is effective 1/1/2005

(1) Model year 1976 is exempt until 4/1/2005

## Definitions

### Biennial Smog Check

Requires affected vehicles to be tested every other year.

### Change of Ownership

Requires affected vehicles to receive a Smog Check before being sold.

### Initial Registration

Requires out of state vehicles registering in California for the first time, and other initial registration events determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles to receive a Smog Check.

## Background

Legislation enacted in 2004 (SB1107 and AB2683) changed the Smog Check program in the following three ways:

- 1) The 30-year rolling exemption was eliminated. 1976 model year vehicles remain in the program and are required to obtain biennial Smog Check inspections.
- 2) Vehicles the first six model years or less are exempt from Biennial Smog Check inspections.
- 3) Vehicles the first four model years or less are exempt from the Change-of-Ownership Smog Check inspection requirement.

	Smog Check Required		
	Biennial	Change of Ownership	Initial Registration
<b>A) The First 4 Model Years Old</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>B) 5 to 6 Model Years Old</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>C) 7 Model Years Old to 1976 Model Year</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes